

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 BUENOS 05373 162211Z

61

ACTION ARA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02 INR-07 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 AID-05

ACDA-07 ERDA-05 OES-06 IO-13 EUR-12 EB-07 DLOS-06

COME-00 TRSE-00 OMB-01 /119 W
----- 013921

R 162052Z AUG 76

FM AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6751

INFO AMEMBASSY LA PAZ

AMEMBASSY LIMA

AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO

C O N F I D E N T I A L BUENOS AIRES 5373

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, AR, PE

SUBJECT: PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS ARGENTINA

1. PERUVIAN FON MIN JOSE DE LA PUENTE MADE OFFICIAL VISIT TO ARGENTINA AUGUST 10 TO 12, AS STAGE IN HIS TRAVEL TO NONALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM) MEETING IN COLOMBO. HE HELD TALKS WITH ARGENTINE FONMIN GUZZETTI, WAS RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT VIDELA, HELD PRESS CONFERENCE, AND WENT THROUGH NORMAL WREATH-LAYING AND MEDAL-PINNING CEREMONIES.

2. MAJOR POINT OF VISIT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN DISCUSSIONS ON ARGENTINE AID TO PERU IN NUCLEAR ENERGY FIELD. DE LA PUENTE VISITED NUCLEAR CENTER AT ANTUCHA, AND IT WAS WIDELY REPORTED THAT PERU WISHES TO OBTAIN AN "A-3" NUCLEAR RESEARCH REACTOR FROM ARGENTINA. A COLUMNIST FOR THE NEWSPAPER "LA OPINION" DWELT AT LENGTH ON ARGENTINA'S INTEREST IN AND CAPACITY TO EXPORT NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY TO ITS NEIGHBORS, AND REPORTED THAT "LATIN AMERICAN CIRCLES RESIDENT IN BUENOS AIRES COMMENT THAT THIS EFFORT WOULD HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE U.S. DEPT OF STATE, WHICH IS CONCERNED WITH THE MAINTENANCE OF THE STRATEGIC
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 BUENOS 05373 162211Z

BALANCE OF THE CONTINENT, WHICH HAS INCLINED IN RECENT YEARS

IN FAVOR OF BRAZIL..."

3. DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD CONCERNING IMPLEMENTATION OF TRADE AGREEMENT SIGNED FEBRUARY 13, 1976, PROVIDING FOR LONGER-TERM ARRANGEMENTS FOR EXCHANGES OF ARGENTINE AGRICULTURAL AND MEAT PRODUCTS AND PERUVIAN FIBER AND MINERALS, AND QUESTION OF MARITIME SHIPPING RATES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

4. DE LA PUENTE MET BRIEFLY WITH PRESS ON ARRIVAL, AND IN PRESS CONFERENCE AT WHICH HE FIELDDED QUESTIONS ON PERU'S RECENT GOVERNMENTAL CHANGES AND POLICY AT THE NAM. PERU'S INTERNATIONAL POLICY HAS NOT CHANGED, HE INSISTED, BUT "... AS SOMETIMES HAPPENS ..." ADJUSTMENTS ARE BEING MADE. PERU WILL PLAY "MODERATE" ROLE AT NAM, ONE OF "POLITICAL NEUTRALITY," FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES OF NON-INTERVENTION AND SELF-DETERMINATION. HE NOTED THAT NEGOTIATIONS FOR BOLIVIA'S OUTLET TO SEA "HAVE NOT BEEN DISCONTINUED." CHILEAN REFUSAL TO SIGN INVESTMENT PROTOCOL IN ANDEAN PACT WAS HANDLED GENTLY, WITH COMMENT THAT THERE IS ALWAYS A REVIEW PROCESS IN EVERY INTEGRATION EFFORT, AND THAT AGREEMENT WILL BE SOUGHT ON ISSUE. BOTH DE LA PUENTE AND GUZZETTI REFERRED TO DEEP-ROOTED TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES.

5. JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT END OF VISIT WAS SUMMARIZED IN PRESS (FONMINISTRY SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF THAT MINISTRY'S ONLY COPIER HAD BROKEN DOWN AND COPIES OF DECLARATION WERE NOT AVAILABLE FOR USUAL WIDESPREAD DISTRIBUTION; WE WERE PROMISED ONE WHICH WE WILL POUCH TO LIMA). COMMUNIQUE ENDORSED PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, JOINT ACTION OF LATIN AMERICANS TO STRENGTHEN POSITIONS IN INTERNATIONAL FORA, NON-INTERVENTION, AUTODETERMINATION, AND SOVEREIGN EQUALITY OF NATIONS. SUPPORT FOR SELA AND LAFTA WAS EXPRESSED, AND INTEREST REAFFIRMED IN OAS REFORM. DE LA PUENTE MADE THE ESSENTIAL BOW TO KEY FOREIGN POLICY ISSUE OF ARGENTINA BY STATING FULL SUPPORT FOR ARGENTINE POSITION IN MALVINAS/FALKLANDS DISPUTE WITH UK. THE MINISTERS REAFFIRMED DECISION OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO CONDEMN ACTIONS (READ TERRORISM AND SUBVERSION) WHICH TEND TO ALTER OR MODIFY NORMS WHICH AFFECT WAY OF LIFE OF LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES AND WHICH AFFECT PEACE AND SECURITY NEEDED FOR DEVELOPMENT. THEY CITED NEED FOR SATISFACTORY RESULTS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF POOREST

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 BUENOS 05373 162211Z

COUNTRIES IN BOTH THE NAM AND IN PARIS CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

6. BOTH COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO COORDINATE POSITIONS AT LAW OF SEA CONFERENCE, "REAFFIRMING THEIR UNALTERABLE INTENTION TO PROMOTE RECOGNITION OF SOVEREIGNTY AND JURISDICTION "OF COASTAL STATES OVER THE 200 MILE ZONE, AND OVER THE CONTINENTAL SHELF EXTENDING BEYOND 200 MILES. FINALLY, THE MINISTERS SUPPORTED

UNITED NATIONS EFFORTS FOR DISARMAMENT, AND EFFORTS IN LATIN AMERICA FOR ELIMINATION OF REGIONAL TENSIONS (PROBABLY

7. FONMIN GUZZETTI ACCEPTED DE LA PUENTE'S INVITATION TO VISIT PERU AT SOME FUTURE TIME.

8. ARGENTINE PRESS GAVE VISIT FRONT-PAGE BUT NOT MAJOR ATTENTION, AND THERE WAS LITTLE EDITORIAL COMMENT.

9. COMMENT. FONMINISTRY SOURCE INVOLVED WITH VISIT TOLD EMBOFF THAT DE LA PUENTE WAS WELCOMED AS PART OF GENERAL GOA EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN TIES WITH REGIONAL NEIGHBORS. HE CONFIRMED PRIME INTEREST OF BOTH COUNTRIES IN NUCLEAR COOPERATION, STATING THAT NO AGREEMENTS WERE SIGNED BUT "ONE WILL BE." MATTER OF BOLIVIAN OUTLET TO SEA WAS NOT RAISED OR DISCUSSED BY EITHER SIDE. SOURCE, WHO HAS SERVED IN PERU AND IS RELATIVELY SENIOR LATIN AMERICAN SPECIALIST, GAVE GRATUITIOUS WARNING THAT NO ONE SHOULD TAKE TOO SERIOUSLY ANY SUPPOSED SHIFT IN PERUVIAN REVOLUTIONARY INTENTIONS. HE BELIEVES RECENT SHIFTS AND CHANGES IN PERU ARE TACTICAL RESPONSES TO INTERNAL DISARRAY CAUSED BY OVER-RAPID EFFORTS TO INSTITUTE REVOLUTION, AND TO NEGATIVE IMAGE PERU HAS GAINED WITH INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL COMMUNITY, U. S. BANKS, ETC. BASIC PERUVIAN POLICY REMAINS SAME, HE STATED, AND USG SHOULD NOT BE FOOLED. WE DO NOT KNOW TO WHAT EXTENT HIS VIEW IS SHARED IN FONMIN OR GOA, BUT HE IS IN POSITION TO BE HEARD AND DISPLAYED NO HESITATION ABOUT VOICING WARNING IN PRESENCE OF ANOTHER FONMINISTRY OFFICIAL.
CHAPLIN

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: FOREIGN RELATIONS, MINISTERIAL VISITS, DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS, PRESS CONFERENCES, NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 16 AUG 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: KelleyW0
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976BUENOS05373
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760314-0884
From: BUENOS AIRES
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760851/aaaabsgm.tel
Line Count: 144
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: KelleyW0
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 20 APR 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <20 APR 2004 by BoyleJA>; APPROVED <14 SEP 2004 by KelleyW0>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS ARGENTINA
TAGS: PFOR, OVIP, AR, PE, (DE LA PUENTE, JOSE)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006